

## CLEAN UP ESSAY CONTEST MAGNET

The Star's Campaign Attracts Great Interest, Innumerable Themes Being Submitted.

### ACTIVITY IS MANIFESTED BY CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Co-Operation of All Residents Sought to Make Washington Flyless and Mosquitoless.

Interest in The Star's great clean-up paint-up prize essay contest, in which \$100 in cash is to be distributed among the winners, is increasing daily, and indications are that the judges of the contest are going to have their hands full in taking care of the innumerable essays submitted and in deciding upon the winners of the various substantial cash prizes.

Of special significance is the fact that among the scores of essays already submitted in the contest are several from cities some distance from Washington. Among these are three from Baltimore, one from Philadelphia, one from Pittsburgh, two from New York and several from smaller places in Maryland, Virginia and other states farther from the National Capital. While this shows that readers of The Washington Star are not confined to the District of Columbia and its immediately contiguous territory, residents of the District need not fear this competition, as the rules governing the clean-up paint-up prize essay contest expressly stipulate that only essays submitted by residents of the District of Columbia are to be considered in awarding the prizes.

### Civic Associations Interested.

Dozens of citizens' associations, clubs and other organizations are manifesting keen interest in the prize essay contest and in the clean-up paint-up campaign. In fact, the contest is being planned by many of these organizations, the members of which have pledged themselves to carry out clean-up paint-up campaigns in their territory as part of the general campaign to be directed by the Master House Painters and Decorators' Association, the District Health authorities, the Star and many civic organizations of the District.

From a comprehensive survey of the District of Columbia, made by the Master House Painters and Decorators' Association, it has been found that the number of buildings of all kinds in the District is slightly in excess of 16,000, the larger proportion of these being dwellings of one kind or another.

The association, through its membership, has undertaken a campaign of "show the relatively small expense of properly painting, oiling or otherwise preserving and beautifying residential properties as compared with the enhanced value of the property, its improved appearance, the prevention of deterioration, and the general beneficial results to be expected from a systematic clean-up and paint-up."

### Co-Operation Is Necessary.

A flyless and mosquitoless Washington, it is urged, can only be made a fact by the hearty co-operation of all of the residents of the District of Columbia.

With the approach of summer weather the breeding season of flies and mosquitoes is at hand. Flies breed in filth; remove the filth and they will have nowhere to lay their eggs, hatch the larvae and later develop into swarms of flies. Do away with the empty cans, etc., that catch and hold rain water, and mosquitoes, which breed in stagnant water, will be deprived of these incubating places.

From now on "clean-up paint-up" is to be the watchword in every section of the District. Clean up the yards, remove all winter accumulations of trash and rubbish, do away with unsightly board fences and substitute in place of them the light, open wire fencing that has become so popular in recent years in the newer residential sections of the city. Paint up the dingy, shabby appearing homes, having the work done by competent workmen who know the values of paints and wood and metal preservatives and who know how to apply them properly so as to obtain maximum results from good materials, thus insuring the greatest and most permanent improvements in appearance and value.

### BACKS MILITARY TRAINING.

Telephone Company Encourages Employees to Attend Camps.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company announces that it wishes to encourage but in no way coerce its employees to acquire training in the National Guard, Naval Militia or Federal training camps. D. S. Porter, the company's division manager in this city, explains that it has always been the company's policy to allow its employees to become members of various military organizations, and to attend the regular rifle practice and similar services, receiving full pay while absent on such service, and this attitude will be maintained. The company's policy is to encourage its employees to take this time thus expended has been the rule. The newly issued announcement states that any of its employees who are members of military organizations will be allowed under general orders of their organizations to attend instruction camps, on training cruises and attend the regular rifle practice and similar services, receiving full pay while absent on such service, and this attitude will be maintained. The company's policy is to encourage its employees to take this time thus expended has been the rule. The newly issued announcement states that any of its employees who are members of military organizations will be allowed under general orders of their organizations to attend instruction camps, on training cruises and attend the regular rifle practice and similar services, receiving full pay while absent on such service, and this attitude will be maintained.

### FOUR SEEK NOMINATION.

Minnesotans in Washington Interested in Senatorial Primary.

Minnesota republicans in Washington are very much interested in the approaching contest for the nomination of United States senator on the republican ticket. Senator Moore, E. C. Clapp's term expiring March 3, the nominee will be chosen in a primary election to be held June 15.

Up to this time there are four candidates in the field. Senator Clapp, who desires re-nomination, Frank E. Kellogg, former Governor A. A. Eberhardt and Representative C. A. Lindbergh. A battle royal is expected among the "big four" for the coveted nomination, since all of them are acknowledged to be heavyweights in the party.

## RULES FOR THE STAR'S CLEAN-UP PAINT-UP PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Essays must be written on one side of paper only; typewritten if possible, but in any case they must be perfectly legible.

Essays must not exceed 1,000 words in length—preferably shorter. Other things being equal, the briefer of two essays will be awarded the prize.

Subject matter of essays must be confined to clean-up and paint-up—the sanitary, economic, artistic and general beneficial results of cleaning up and painting up, from the point of view of the community as well as the individual and the family.

Prizes will be awarded solely on the merit of the essays. No person connected in any capacity with The Star will be eligible to submit an essay in the contest. All other residents of the District of Columbia will be eligible to compete.

The contest is now open, and manuscripts will be received until Saturday, April 22. All essays intended for the prize competition must be in the hands of the Clean-Up Paint-Up Prize Essay Editor by that date, and none received later than Saturday, April 22, can be considered.

Essays must be plainly addressed to the Clean-Up Paint-Up Prize Essay Editor, The Star, and must bear the name and address of the contestant, plainly written in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the manuscript.

Prizes aggregating \$100 will be awarded by The Star for the best essays submitted in accordance with these rules. The prizes will be divided as follows: First prize, \$25 in cash; second and third prizes, \$10 each, in cash; fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh prizes, \$5 each, in cash; next thirty-five prizes, \$1 each, in cash. Prize winners will be announced and prizes distributed Saturday, April 29.

Judges of the prize essay contest will be Charles Macnicol for the Master House Painters and Decorators' Association; Dr. John L. Norris for the District health department, and Frank G. Heaton for The Star.

## MR. JUSTICE HUGHES IS NOT IN POLITICS

Friends Say He Is Distressed by Tenor of Publications Concerning Him.

### Civic Associations Interested.

Friends of Mr. Justice Hughes say that he is much distressed by the tenor of recent publications connecting his name with the republican presidential nomination. He feels, it is said, that these newspaper stories do him injustice in leaving ground for the inference that he, while still on the bench of the court of last resort, is taking and expressing active interest in partisan politics.

Of course, everybody knows that such is not the case. The world was advised, when he wrote his frank and unequivocal letter to the secretary of state of Nebraska demanding that his name be taken off the primary ticket as a candidate for the presidential nomination, that he then and there avowed his position, which was that so long as he retains his present high office he must not be considered as participating in politics.

### Consistent in Attitude.

He has maintained that attitude consistently and rigorously. Indeed, so rigorously that recently, so it is said, he has been compelled to say, according to his view, placing him in a position where his sincerity might be questioned. On the contrary, his friends insist that his position, ethically considered, was never clearer and more secure than now. Neither by word nor deed, it is said, has he departed from the line of conduct which he laid out for himself at the outset of this campaign, in which he refuses to take part. And the public realizes his position, it is said by his friends. They know that in the seat of judgment which he holds as echo of popular political opinion claim can disturb his mental processes.

### Not a Partisan Critic.

As the case stands, it is well known that he has not taken part in any way whatsoever in political discussion or partisan criticism. Friends who are

closest to him tell the newspaper writers of their acquaintance that if reports continue to indicate even by inference that he is concerning himself in the nomination he may do the very thing his friends do not want, and come out with a statement which would eliminate him from the possibility of the presidency.

Mr. Justice Hughes, it is known, is intent first upon preserving the integrity of his judicial position. It takes precedence over any possible thought of the presidency.

## MR. PHILLIPS EXPLAINS D. C. SEWERAGE SYSTEM

Plans for the development of the sewerage system of Washington to serve adjacent Maryland were explained by A. E. Phillips, superintendent of sewers of the District of Columbia, speaking before the Citizens' Association of Chevy Chase, last night in the Chevy Chase School building. His lecture was illustrated with stereopticon pictures and maps.

The plan of the authorities of the District of Columbia for the disposal of sewage, he asserted, is one of the finest and most complete systems in operation anywhere. He reviewed the entire history of sewerage engineering in the National Capital.

### To Save Adjacent Territory.

The existing system, from its first installation throughout its development to the present day, was explained by Mr. Phillips. Its next development, he said, will be to serve as an outlet for sewerage systems to be established in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties of Maryland. A map was displayed to indicate this proposed expansion of the sewerage system.

Mr. Phillips also discussed some of the parking plans of the board of Commissioners. He explained that it is proposed to construct a parkway along the redeemed flats of the Anacostia river, three miles in length. This park, he said, will be about the same size as Potomac Park, and a splendid breathing space and recreation ground.

In the discussion of business by the citizens' association, objection was made to the existence of several trolley poles erected before the streets in the Chevy Chase section had been laid out and permitted to remain. Secretary William T. Murphy was instructed to write to the Capital Traction Company and ask to have them removed.

## THE COURTS.

### United States Court of Claims.

Present: Chief Justice Edward K. Campbell, Judge Feinton W. Booth, Judge Samuel S. Barney, Judge George W. Atkinson and Judge George E. Downey.

On motion of Mr. R. S. Frye, Mr. J. T. Newcomb was admitted to practice.

On motion of Mr. John W. Trainer, Mr. George Wallace was admitted to practice.

H. M. Jenkins, United States; submitted by Mr. George A. Kling for plaintiff, and Mr. R. P. Whiteley for defendant.

J. D. J. Kelley, United States; Mr. George A. Kling was heard for plaintiff and Mr. R. P. Whiteley for defendant.

### Court of Appeals.

Nos. 2574 and 2577. Twyman, passed until May.

Adjourned from day to day until Monday, May 1, 1916.

### District Supreme Court.

EQUITY DIVISION 1—Justice Anderson.

In re lunacy of Harriet L. Wise; order to extend loan; attorneys, Brandenburg & Brandenburg.

Hewitt, agt. Vaughn; decree pro confesso; plaintiff's attorney, P. H. Marshall.

Anderson agt. Sands; order authorizing investment; attorney, W. C. Clephane.

Ingalis agt. Ingalis; absolute divorce granted; plaintiff's attorney, William Shea; defendant's attorney, A. E. Steinem.

EQUITY DIVISION 2—Justice McCoy.

Jones agt. Jones; rule set to re-examine first upon preserving the integrity of his judicial position. It takes precedence over any possible thought of the presidency.

Somerville agt. Williams; leave granted to substitute trustee; plaintiff's attorney, John Ridout and R. H. Pickford.

Thompson agt. American Security and Trust Company; trustee directed to pay \$3,000 to Ross Thompson; plaintiff's attorney, S. C. Peelle.

Rice agt. Ruppert; motion to dismiss bill overruled; exception allowed; plaintiff's attorney, F. J. Rice; defendant's attorneys, Darr, Peyer & Keeningsberger.

Ewin agt. Ewin; order appointing guardian ad litem; plaintiff's attorney, G. E. Lamb; defendant's attorney, C. H. Merila.

United States agt. John Hasset; violation section 218, penal code; bench warrant issued.

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Danette agt. Hutchins; on hearing; plaintiff's attorneys, Brandenburg & Brandenburg; defendant's attorney, W. G. Johnson.

### CIRCUIT DIVISION 1—Justice Gould.

Upperman agt. Washington Railway and Electric Company; on trial; plaintiff's attorneys, A. L. Newmyer, Lyon & Lyon; defendant's attorney, J. S. Barbour.

### CIRCUIT DIVISION 2—Justice Stafford.

Holmes agt. Neubeck; on trial; plaintiff's attorneys, Gittings & Chamberlin and R. E. Mattingly; defendant's attorneys, F. L. Neubeck and J. Barrett Carter.

McKenney agt. Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Company; motion to file transcript extended to May 1; plaintiff's attorneys, F. J. Hogan and M. A. Kaufman; defendant's attorneys, H. F. Woodard and J. A. Purcell.

### CRIMINAL DIVISION 2—Chief Justice O'Shea.

In re Lim Quong, deportation; release ordered; attorney, J. M. Proctor.

In re Mah Mass, deportation; order for trial; attorney, J. M. Proctor.

In re Moy Kirk, deportation; order; appeal noted; bond, \$100; recognizance, \$1,000, taken, with S. H. Walker surety; attorney, J. M. Proctor.

Lunacy hearings in afternoon.

### CRIMINAL DIVISION 1—Justice Sillison.

United States agt. Mercer T. E. Brown; suit larceny; remainder of sentence suspended; placed on probation; recognizance taken; attorney, M. F. Mangum.

United States agt. Fred Payne; housebreaking; plea, guilty; remanded; attorney, T. L. Jones.

United States agt. Frank Mourman; assault with dangerous weapon; plea, guilty; referred to probation officer; attorney, R. A. Hughes.

United States agt. Howard O. Pusey; violation act of January 17, 1914; recognizance, \$2,000, taken, with W. W. Stewart surety; attorney, J. A. O'Shea.

United States agt. Lyles W. Gillis; employment; nolle pro.

United States agt. J. Fulton Jennings; joy riding; nolle pro.

United States agt. Matthew Fahey; housebreaking; nolle pro.

United States agt. Irving Deakins; formation; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. David H. Millard; violating postal law; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. A. A. Hardy; violating section 218, penal code; bench warrant issued.

United States agt. Artie Payne; robbery; on trial; attorney, D. E. Clark.

United States agt. Robert E. Belt; assault with dangerous weapon; verdict, not guilty; attorney, R. A. Hughes.

United States agt. John Hasset; violation section 218, criminal code; sentenced to Occoquan for one year; attorney, H. A. Heintzler.

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